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<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b>  (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/784,031
	Filing Date	February 20, 2004
	First Named Inventor	Schaffhausen et al.
	Art Unit	3734
	Examiner Name	Lindsey Michele Bachman
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	Attorney Docket Number	5490-000359/US

**ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)**

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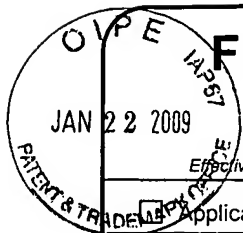
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2009

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 180

## Complete if Known

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## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1011	330	2011	165	Utility filing fee	
1012	220	2012	110	Design filing fee	
1013	220	2013	110	Plant filing fee	
1014	330	2014	165	Reissue filing fee	
1005	220	2005	110	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	0	0	0
Multiple Dependent	0	0	0

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	52	2202	26	Claims in excess of 20
1201	220	2201	110	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	390	2203	195	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	220	2204	110	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	52	2205	26	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 0

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	130	2251	65	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	490	2252	245	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	1,110	2253	555	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,730	2254	865	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,350	2255	1,175	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	540	2401	270	Notice of Appeal	
1402	540	2402	270	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	1,080	2403	540	Request for oral hearing	
1452	540	2452	270	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,620	2453	810	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1462	400	1462	400	Petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f)	
1463	200	1463	200	Petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g)	
1464	130	1464	130	Petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h)	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	180
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	810	2809	405	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	810	2810	405	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	810	2801	405	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 180

### 4. SEARCH/EXAMINATION FEES

1111	540	2111	270	Utility Search Fee	
1112	100	2112	50	Design Search Fee	
1113	330	2113	165	Plant Search Fee	
1114	540	2114	270	Reissue Search Fee	
1311	220	2311	110	Utility Examination Fee	
1312	140	2312	70	Design Examination Fee	
1313	170	2313	85	Plant Examination Fee	
1314	650	2314	325	Reissue Examination Fee	

SUBTOTAL (4) (\$) 0

## SUBMITTED BY

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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Filing Date: February 20, 2004  
Applicant: Schaffhausen et al.  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications and other information requested to be considered by the Office (except unpublished U.S. patent applications) are listed on Form 1449 attached hereto.

II. COPIES

A. ☒ Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed, other than U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications unless required by the Office; (iii) each unpublished U.S. application listed below in Section IV (i.e., including the specification, claims, and any drawing of the application, or that portion of the application which caused it to be listed, including any claims directed to that portion), except for such applications filed on or after June 30, 2003, pursuant to the Waiver of the Copy Requirement in 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (OG Notice dated October 19, 2004); and (iv) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

B. ☐ Any patents, publications or other information which are listed on Form 1449 or on the copies of PTO-892, but which are not enclosed herewith, were previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in one of the following applications which has been relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

U.S. Serial Number

U.S. Filing Date

C. ☐ This is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the United States. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The documents listed on the International Search report are listed on the attached Form 1449 for consideration by the Examiner and for listing on any patent resulting from this application. If the International Search report was from the US, EPO, or JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application. (MPEP 1893.03(g).)

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE (check at least one box)

A. ☒ Except as may be indicated below in (B), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language (concise explanation not required).

B. ☒ A concise explanation of the relevance of each patent, publication or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)):

1. ☐ See the attached foreign patent office communication from a counterpart foreign application:

2. ☐ English translations are provided:

3. ☐ Other:

C. ☒ The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

While Applicant does not possess an English translation for German Patent DE2529669, it is equivalent to U.S. Patent 3953896.

While Applicant does not possess an English translation of German Patent DE2747312, it appears to disclose a screw with various thread designs.

While Applicant does not possess an English translation of German Patent DE2818254 , it appears to disclose a screw with an offset portion.

An English abstract has been provided for European Patent No. EP0172130.

While Applicant does not possess an English translation for European Patent No. EP0241792, said document is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 4,776,328.

An English abstract has been provided for European Patent No. EP0270704,

While Applicant does not possess an English translation for EP0282789, said document is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 4,863,383.

An English abstract has been provided for European Patent No. EP0317406.

An English abstract has been provided for European Patent No. EP0340159.

An English abstract has been provided for European Patent No. EP0346183.

An English abstract has been provided for European Patent No. EP0374088.

An English abstract has been provided for European Patent No. EP0409364.

While Applicant does not possess an English translation for EP0497079, said document is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 5,197,987.

While Applicant does not possess an English translation for EP0502509, said document is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 5,336,240.

An English abstract has been provided for European Patent No. EP0582514.

European patent EP1555945 is also published as International Patent No. WO2004/037094.

An English abstract has been provided for French Patent No. FR2655840.

An English abstract has been provided for French Patent No. FR2682867.

An English abstract has been provided for French Patent No. FR2687911.

An English abstract has been provided for French Patent No. FR2704140.

An English abstract has been provided for Japanese Patent No. JP5300917.

An English abstract has been provided for International Patent No. WO8909030.

An English abstract has been provided for International Patent No. WO96/29029.

#### IV. CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

A. ☒ The Examiner is advised that the following co-pending application(s) contain(s) subject matter that may be related to the present application. By bringing this(these) application(s) to the Examiner's attention, Applicant(s) does (do) not waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122.

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
10/984,624	11/09/2004	Stone et al.
11/294,694	12/05/2005	Stone et al.
11/347,661	02/03/2006	Stone et al.
11/347,662	02/03/2006	Stone et al.
11/386,071	03/21/2006	Stone et al.
11/408,282	04/20/2006	Stone et al.
11/504,882	08/16/2006	Stone et al.
11/541,505	09/29/2006	Stone et al.
11/541,506	09/29/2006	Stone et al.
11/784,821	04/10/2007	Kaiser et al.
11/869,440	10/09/2007	Stone et al.
11/935,681	11/06/2007	Stone et al.
12/014,340	01/15/2008	Stone et al.
12/014,399	01/15/2008	Stone et al.
12/029,861	02/12/2008	Hoepfner et al.
12/196,398	08/22/2008	Kaiser et al.
12/196,405	08/22/2008	Kaiser et al.
12/196,407	08/22/2008	Denham et al.
12/196,410	08/22/2008	Denham et al.

V. THIS IDS IS BEING FILED UNDER

A. ☐ **37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b):** (check only one box)

1. ☐ within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d) (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1)). No fee or certification is required.
2. ☐ within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(2)). No fee or certification is required.
3. ☐ before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3)). No fee or certification is required. In the event that a first Office Action on the merits has been issued, please consider this IDS under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and see the certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) below; or, if no certification has been made, charge our deposit account a fee in the amount of \$180.00 as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
4. ☐ before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. No fee or certification is required.

B. ☒ **37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c):** (check only one box)

before the mailing date of either any Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution.

1. ☒ No certification; therefore, a fee in the amount of \$180.00 is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
2. ☐ See the certification below. No fee is required.

C. ☐ **37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d):**

after the mailing date of either a Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, yet on or before payment of the issue fee.

1. ☐ See the certification below. A fee in the amount of \$180.00 is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

VI. CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e): (check only one box)

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

A. ☐ each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)). See further statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.704(d) below in section VII, if applicable; or

B. ☐ no item of information contained in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this IDS was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2)).

C. ☐ some of the items of information were first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office. As to this information, the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. As to the remaining information, the undersigned hereby certifies that no item of this remaining information contained in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this IDS was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

VII. STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.704(d)

The undersigned hereby states that:

☐ each item of information contained in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this IDS.

VIII. PAYMENT OF FEES (check only one box, if applicable)

A. ☐ A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed for the above-identified fee.

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Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.

The above references are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art, contain matter which anticipates the invention, or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art. Furthermore, this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made.

If it is determined that this IDS has been filed under the wrong rule, the PTO is requested to consider this IDS under the proper rule (with a petition if necessary) and charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 22, 2009

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